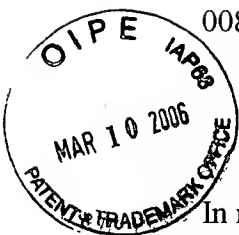


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of listed documents (1) to (3) are enclosed.

- (1) JP 06-035647
- (2) JP 2000-227847
- (3) JP 2002-196905

Documents (1) to (3) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Final Rejection, which is dated December 22, 2005, is enclosed, together with an English-language translation thereof. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.


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The Japanese Final Rejection lists additional documents, but those additional documents have all been cited in the Information Disclosure Statements dated November 3, 2005 and August 9, 2005.

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